

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-73 remained in this application. Claims 1-73 have been canceled herein. New claims 74-78 have been added.

1. Drawing Objections

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.84(u)(1) because the view numbers are not preceded by the abbreviation "FIG.". The drawings have been amended to change Figure to FIG. on all figures as requested by Examiner. Replacement sheets are included herewith. Accordingly, the objection should be withdrawn.

2. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant's thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter. Claims 15-19 are objected as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant's have rewritten claims 15-19 as new independent and dependent claims 74-78. Further, Applicants cancel claims 1-73 herein. Accordingly, it is believed that claims 74-78, being substantial duplicates of claims 15-19, are allowable.

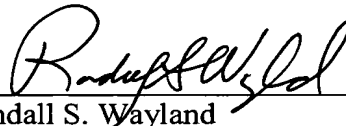
3. Conclusion

Based upon the above amendments, remarks, and papers of records, Applicants believe the pending claims of the above-captioned application are in allowable form and patentable over the prior art of record. Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Applicants believe that a one month extension of time is necessary to make this Reply timely. Should Applicants be in error, Applicants respectfully request that the Office grant such time extension pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) as necessary to make this Reply timely, and hereby authorizes the Office to charge any necessary fee or surcharge with respect to said time extension to the deposit account of the undersigned firm of attorneys, Deposit Account 03-3325.

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Amendment to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figs. 1-4. These sheets, which include Figs. 1-4, replace original sheets including Figures 1-4.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet